The Honorable Jim Doyle  
Governor of Wisconsin  
State Capitol  
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Dear Governor Doyle:

This letter provides approval of the modification to Wisconsin's State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) received the State's proposed modification on June 30, 2009.

The Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 14-08, issued on March 18, 2009, provides guidance on utilizing funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to meet the growing demand for workforce development services, and required states to submit a modification of their State Plan by June 30, 2009. We appreciate Wisconsin's responsiveness to this guidance. This letter addresses the State Plan modification and revised performance goals. The State's waiver requests will be addressed in a separate letter.

Plan Review and Approval

ETA has reviewed the Wisconsin State Plan modification in accordance with Title I of WIA, the Wagner-Peyser Act, the corresponding regulations, the WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act Planning Guidance (73 Fed. Reg. 72853, December 1, 2008), and Attachment A of TEGL No. 14-08. Pursuant to 20 CFR 661.230(e), this letter constitutes a written determination under WIA Section 112 (29 USC 2822) that ETA is approving the modification to Wisconsin's State Plan for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The content of the Plan, including the policies and strategies, is in effect for the full period of Program Year (PY) 2009, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, including the transition period of July 1, 2009 to the date of this letter, when the State operated through an extension of the State Plan for PY 2005 - 2008. The previous approval of the extension is hereby terminated.

Performance Levels

Wisconsin submitted its proposed PY 2009 performance goals for WIA and the Wagner-Peyser Act with the State's June 30, 2009 modification. We are confident
that negotiations will be completed by September 30, 2009. The Regional Administrator’s letter confirming the agreed-upon performance goals for PY 2009 will constitute a modification to the State Plan. ETA will incorporate the State’s revised performance goals for PY 2009 into the Regional and National Office copies of the State Plan. Wisconsin should ensure that the agreed-upon PY 2009 goals are included in the State’s official copy of the State Plan.

Again, we appreciate your timely response to TEGL No. 14-08 and your efforts to address the challenges facing the State. We look forward to working together as you implement your modified State Plan. If you have any questions related to the issues discussed above, please contact Byron Zuidema, the Regional Administrator for Region V, at 312-596-5403 or Zuidema.Byron@dol.gov.

Sincerely,

Jane Oates
Assistant Secretary

cc: Roberta Gassman, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD)
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June 29, 2009

ATTN: Janet Sten, Federal Coordinator
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Dear Ms. Sten:

Attached is Wisconsin’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Addendum to the State’s Workforce Investment Act State Plan Modification that I submitted to you on April 30, 2009 for program year 2009 - 2010. As noted in the earlier submission, I believe the direction set forth in the modification provides a solid foundation on which to build the recovery efforts.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding will augment activities in expanded reemployment services; a fuller range of assistance and supports for persons who have previously been marginally engaged in the workforce, or, who have had multiple barriers to training and employment placement; and, stronger infrastructure connections among partners particularly with business and educational institutions. In addition, while Wisconsin has been a leader in energy efficiency, we will continue to target sectors for energy efficiency and renewable energy to help revitalize economic growth and ensure long-term environmental balance.

I look forward to our continued work with the Department of Labor on this partnership to reinvigorate the national economy. I am certain that our aggressive recovery efforts will build and strengthen Wisconsin’s workforce and help foster our country’s economic growth and stability.

Sincerely,

Jim Doyle
Governor